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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2002 to further highlight reasons why the captioned application is in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

The captioned application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,852,803 issued on December 22, 1998. Applicants filed the captioned reissue application, including a preliminary amendment, on December 21, 2000. The reissue application issued having four claims (claims 1-4); the preliminary amendment added claims 5-39. Thus, claims 1-39 are currently pending in this case. The Office Action indicated that claims 1-4 were allowable, and that newly added claims 5-39 were rejected.